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Without reference to Chastain or to Pepper

or to any grand jury, the essence of this was

on CBS radio news several days ago.

That item was attributed to a

story in a London newspaper, so

with Pepper living and working in

England, he may have been its

source. Pepper has been Ray's

lawyer for a while. He is hardly

helping Ray by proclaiming him

guilty, which I regard as im-

possible in any event and as

Pepper would have <sup>known</sup> if he were

familiar with the fact available

to him, as in the transcripts of

the evidentiary hearings, and if

he had done any real work at all.

On its face this makes no sense

at all. Why would anyone want to

put himself in jail by this kind

of confession? It makes no sense

also because if Ray had had any money

he would not have been captured.

It he had had only about \$100 more

when he got to Portugal he'd have taken a ship to then Rhodesia, which had no extra-

dition treaty and whose government was even more anti-black than that of South

Africa was then. Pepper has, I believe from the first been looking for personal

attention and a book and/or movie from the King assassination. He appeared before

HSCA with Flo Kennedy to represent Jerry Ray. He then was close to Mark Lane. He

later told me he is no longer. What he never told me when he first approached me years

ago and I learned from another is that he then had a book and/or a movie in mind. I do

not recall that he ever mentioned either or a TV production later, although I think I

did hear that he had TV in mind in more recent years. Chastain began hung up on the

man he wrote about as the "sausage and eggs man". I tried to discourage him them, with-

out success. When I got the FBI records reflecting that man was a college student who

was visiting I think an aunt in the area and just wanted breakfast & whatever the

records reflect he could not have been involved - and sent Wayne copies I never heard

from him again. And that was about 1977. We had been good friends. ...The bug that

bites all these people surely is durable!

Jim called - Saw a story for Reuters in this am. paper - is sending to you - Wayne Chastain says is taking case before grand jury - based on Pepper's having located suspect who says he got off Ray - Jim tried to call Pepper but secretary said he's on way to US - Jim tried to call you today but got no answer - Will be tied up all day tomorrow in class - Will try to call within next few days - I think that's all & that he got it straight -